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For:

MAGNETIC HEAD FOR PERPENDICULAR

RECORDING AND MAGNETIC DISK STORAGE

APPARATUS MOUNTING THE HEAD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 30, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above application as follows.